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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 6628**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEFENSE WEAPONS BY POLICE OFFICERS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill requires (1) the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST), by October 1, 2013, to establish policies and guidelines on electronic defense weapon use by police in discharging their duties and (2) police basic and review training programs to include training based on these policies and guidelines starting January 1, 2014. The training requirement applies to programs conducted or administered by POST, the State Police, and municipal police departments.

The bill requires the training to at least cover:

1. electronic defense weapons' capabilities and limitations in terms of their effectiveness;
2. the effects their use may have on someone, including adverse medical effects; and
3. parts of the body that should not be targeted.

By law, an electronic defense weapon is a weapon with an electronic impulse or current capable of immobilizing a person temporarily, but not capable of inflicting death or serious physical injury. It includes a stun gun or other conductive energy device.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***POST***

The council (1) trains, certifies, and establishes minimum qualifications for municipal police officers and others and (2) enforces

professional standards for certifying and decertifying them.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 42 Nay 0 (04/19/2013)